

In this regard, substitute pages 37 and 40 merely incorporate the handwritten interlineations made and initialed by the applicant on October 3, 2000 and substitute page 38 incorporates the above-noted amendments.

Accordingly, in substitute page 37, claim 29 has been corrected to depend from claim 26.

Additionally, in substitute page 40, claim 50 has been added, which claim as amended herein reads as follows:

50. The system according to claim 49, wherein said processor is further programmed to calculate postage based on said sender data, and to instruct said applicator device to apply a postage indication to said piece of mail.

Finally, in substitute page 38, the second claim numbered as "36" has been properly renumbered as claim 38 and that claim has been amended to depend from claim 30.

No new matter has been added to the application.

Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for applicant.

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